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## Christmas.

"One of your Readers is somewhat disturbed over the tendency to celebrate Christmas in honor of the birth of Christ. Since I am one of those who believe in celebrating it that way, perhaps it is my time to speak.

Understand, please, I do not say I believe that Christ was born on the 25th of December. We have no reliable evidence that he was. If "One of your Readers" can find a copy of my "Christmas Jug Article" published in THE BAPTIST two years ago, I think he will find my "creed" on that question, clearly stated. But granting that Christ was not born any time near the 25th of December; granting that those who selected the date of his birth missed it entirely,—yet the fact stands that the holiday is named in honor of Christ, and that for more than a thousand years the Christian world has kept it in remembrance of his birth. We could not prevent its being kept if we would, and I would not if I could. I should like very much to change some people's ideas and methods as to the keeping of the day; but I would not do away with the holiday, nor disassociate it from the birth of Christ. I once had a blatant skeptic to spear me, on

Christmas day, with the blasphemous taunt that we were celebrating the birthday of a bastard. Yet, it was a comfort to me to know that with all that skeptic's bitter hatred for my Savior, he could not walk through the town and pass the closed doors of shops and offices all along the streets, without seeing that the busy bustling world had stopped work for that day to honor the babe born in a stable in Bethlehem. True, some were celebrating the day in a very unbecoming and wicked way; but by the very act of celebrating Christmas they were unconsciously,—perhaps unwillingly—proclaiming to the world that "God hath highly exalted Him and given Him a name which is above every name." "He maketh the wrath of men to praise Him."

Yes, I want my children to be taught that Christmas is the celebration of the birth of Christ. I am sure that if they are taught it that way, they will be less likely to celebrate it with doubtful or sinful pleasures; and I hope that every Christmas of their lives they will read and think of the time when God gave to earth the costliest gift that heaven could furnish; for "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son." If they celebrate Christmas this way, I am sure that every Christmas will draw them nearer to Christ, and lift them up into stronger lives. I do not know how it will be if they learn to look on Christmas as "Merely a jolly time of the year, to hang up their stockings for Santa Claus etc. etc." By the way, Santa Claus means Saint, and is Catholic. When "One of Your Readers" speaks of Santa Claus, does he mean to teach my children the error that there are patron saints to be believed in and worshipped? I think not. Nor, do I when I speak of Christmas as a day kept in honor of Christ's birth, mean to give it out as gospel truth that He was really born on that day.

B. G. LOWREY.

## The Preacher God's Messenger.

Said a brother to me once: "Your visit to sister——was a comfort and pleasure to her."

Reader, did it ever occur to you that the preacher is the channel through God comforts the sick, cheers the lowly, strengthens the desponding, encourages the timid, revives the backsliding, lifts up the drooping, soothes the sorrowing, leads the erring and saves the lost?

Surely you would not obstruct that channel! You would not hinder God's gracious beneficence as he would pour it upon those who need it?

But you do it, when you, in any way,

hinder the preacher's work. You do it, when you adversely criticise him. You do it, when you fail to uphold him and defend him against whatever would blacken his reputation or weaken his credit. You do it, when you do not help him and make it easy for him to do his God-given work. You do it, when you do not pray for him. You do it, when you stay away from his ministration of the Word. You do it, when you make public any indiscretion of his youth. You do it, when you talk about something dark in his father's family. You do it, when you say to everybody: "Our pastor is ruining himself," because he has the Christliness, the concern and the courage to attack popular wrongs and evils, insist upon pure living and defend the unfortunate and oppressed. There are many ways in which you do it.

Think about it. Now, really, isn't it a very serious matter not to free the preacher from every hindrance to his work, and much more to actually hinder him in it, as, in so doing, you hinder God's beneficence to man, in a great measure?

LOTA P.

## Some Remarks Personal.

After many years of continuous service in the pastorate I am constrained from a serious decline of health to resign my work. For several months I have been physically unequal to the labor of an active ministry, yet have struggled on in the conflict, hoping for an improvement which has not come; and now, with a sadness and a sorrow that only my own heart can know, I must turn aside, not for other work, but, for nursing a broken constitution.

The pain of giving up is intensified by the fact of my having to part with a people as dear to me as if they were of my own family. Long continued service in the pastoral relation serves to form ties as enduring as time, and as endearing as heaven's pure love. My eight years with the Antioch brethren, of Warren country, and the nearby six years with Terry, relations with each people unmarred through all these years by the slightest unpleasantness, makes this separation peculiarly sorrowful to me.

These two churches are worthy of the labors of the best among preachers, and may it please our Lord to give to each of them a man thoroughly furnished for efficient and acceptable service.

I trust this card will be a satisfactory explanation to other churches which have invited me to become their pastor.

Fraternally,

S. M. ELLIS.

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## Too True.

On the first page of the Ram's Horn of December the 5th, is the picture of a chubby, brainy looking pastor with one of his male members in his arms. This picture is accompanied by the statement that "two-thirds of the average pastor's time is spent in coiling the saints instead of going after the sinner." This may be an overdrawn statement of the real situation in our churches. But, to say the least, there is truth enough in the declaration to demand some serious thought, and action too, if we can determine the proper course of action. A Christian who will allow himself to consume time and thought of his pastor which might be used in leading sinners to Christ, has occasion for re-adjustment of his schedule of living. Instead of allowing his supposed wants and whims to stand in the pastor's way of working among the unconverted, he should make no useless demand on the pastor's time and thought, but throw himself along side of the pastor, and become "a fellow-helper to the truth." Brethren should not burden the pastor with any petty grievances which they could easily adjust among themselves. No one, who has not been a pastor, can even imagine the necessary heart-surgings that an alert, consecrated pastor is constantly struggling to sustain.

The Lord let those who have past the stage of childhood in Christ, and hence know of they will but stop and think a minute not make the pastor's duties and burdens heavier, but always be endeavoring to devise ways by which his burdens may be made lighter. Let not those who are of sufficient age to digest the strong meat of the Word, be constantly crying after the pastor for the simple "milk of the Word."

## Our Paper.

With this issue closes Vol. V. of THE BAPTIST. Thus far God has led us in our efforts to advance His cause through the instrumentality of our paper. Sometimes

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the way has been dark; but, inspired by the feeling that God is in the movement, and that the paper will glorify His name, we have never faltered in our belief in its final, successful outcome. Nearly all have helped some in making the paper what it is, and some have helped very much in writing for the paper and in helping the editor in numerous ways.

Several of our best and strongest brethren are going to do more for the paper during the new year than ever before. We do not speak for the paper; the readers are the jury; and hundreds of them declare that it has made steady progress from the beginning.

A word about its financial aspect would not be out of order at this time. Without rehearsing the difficulties through which it has passed, we only state that the financial status is better than before. If the brethren will stand by us, as most of them are doing, with a slight acceleration of movement, we hope soon to make some improvements in the paper that will be helpful to the toiling thousands of God's servants in the field. If all who are in arrears would pay up in January, we would be able to meet all our obligations and improve the paper at once. We sincerely trust that all who can will do this, and if possible remit a subscription in advance. Crops have been fair and prices excellent. Brethren, do not pass us by in this hour of your prosperity. We desire to serve you as best we can, and your financial support will greatly help us.

Brethren, we trust you.

## The B. Y. P. U. Department.

The readers of THE BAPTIST saw in our last issue the valedictory of Rev. W. P. Price, editor of the B. Y. P. U. Department. For five years he has spared neither time nor pains in pushing this department of our work to a successful issue. All can judge as to what measure of success has crowned his efforts. The editor of THE BAPTIST believes that no man could have surpassed him, and that very few, if any, could have equalled him. It must be borne in mind that he had to contend with difficulties with which all new enterprises are beset. He could have done much more for the B. Y. P. U. cause, if the friends of the movement had been a little more thoughtful about sending regularly and promptly to him news items and suggestions concerning the work.

The B. Y. P. U. Executive Committee is requested to confer together as soon as practicable with a view to filling Bro. Price's place. In the meantime the editor of THE BAPTIST will do the best he can for this department, in the midst of other multitudinous duties.

## Notes and Comments.

A number of our exchanges announce no paper for this week; but THE BAPTIST will greet its readers as heretofore, 52 times every year.

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What have I done in 1903? and what will I do in 1904 to make the world better for my having lived in it? are questions worth considering just now.

Maryland Baptists gave \$5 per member last year, which is ahead of those of any of the States, save New Jersey. If those who don't give would give something how the pro rata would increase.

Newton Theological Seminary has established a chair of Modern Church History, and Dr. Geo. E. Horr, the distinguished editor of The Watchman, has been elected to fill it. This is a long stride in the right direction. Not less of the "ancient" but more of the "modern" will be good for the cause.

Milton sold the manuscript of "Paradise Lost" for \$25, with the understanding that he should receive \$50 in case a second edition was called for. A rich American has just offered \$250,000 for the same manuscript, which is ten thousand times the amount of the first price. But religion increases in value more rapidly than that.

The Methodist Yearbook of 1903 is out, and gives the "number of church members, including probationers, 3,029,560, an increase of only 29,265 in all during the year. Baptists received three times that many—and there are no probationers among us either. This is much smaller than some speakers for Methodism are in the habit of claiming.

From headquarters comes the pleasing announcement, that the next annual session of the Baptist Young People's Union of America will meet, next July, in Detroit, Michigan. Just thirteen years ago, it met there, and old convention goers will be delighted to assemble again. Those who say that the B. Y. P. U. cannot be said to be dying for the reason it has never lived will see a mighty live body of people at Detroit—to be dead.

And at last the Friars have won their claim, in part at least, in the Philippines. They claimed all the landed interests of the country; for which, at the close of Spanish sovereignty in the islands, they wanted the United States to pay the enormous sum of \$15,000,000! And since there are now only about 200 of them left in the islands, it will be a snug sum for each. It is said that Mrs. Taft is a very ardent Roman Catholic.

Edward Everett Hale, the newly elected chaplain of the United States Senate, is not a Congregationalist, but is a Unitarian, the least of all the denominations in the country almost. He thinks nearly as much of the divinity of Jesus Christ as a dog does of Sunday. We heard him preach for an hour once, and so far as Edward Everett Hale was concerned in that sermon, you would not have known that there was such a being as Jesus Christ. He did not so much as remotely hint at His humanity even. And yet, he is saying prayers before the United States Senate!

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It is now given out that a bill has been introduced in Congress permitting Columbia University, Washington, to drop its denominational baggage, and get aboard the "non-sectarian" train. The reason for this is alleged to be the fact that the school is only half supported now, and cannot come into favor with the rich so long as it is a Baptist or denominational school. The Religious Herald, first to give out this news, bemoans the thought of such a thing, while The Baptist Courier thinks that if the Baptist folks do not think enough of it to keep it up, why, just let her go into the hands of those who will.

"The Christian Index, Western Recorder and other papers have been discussing the ethics of special offers on the part of other Baptist publications. We suppose that there is not a Baptist paper in the South that has not made a special offer at some time or other, and when one is made it is really nobody's business. The Baptists are a free people. If a Baptist editor wants to sell his paper at a cheaper price than some other papers are being sold, he has a right to do so, and really can give it away if he wants to. Now and then there is a lot of foolish talk on the part of the Baptist editors, and a lot of time wasted that might be better employed.—Baptist Standard.

A fair example of which is the foregoing. A Baptist is free to do right; but he is not free to do wrong. And it is wrong, all the time wrong, for an editor "to give his paper away" for a given time, say sufficiently long, to get "it" into a home in another State from that in which it is published, and about the work in which State it does not contain one column a year. No, sir, even a Baptist editor is not "free" to do wrong.

The North Carolina Baptist State Convention recently met in Charlotte. In last week's issue of the Presbyterian Standard, published at the same place, the editor gives a side and a half of his paper to his leading editorial on some "impressions" made on his mind by the meetings. He thinks Baptists are good folks, after you know more about them. That is it exactly. And it is a pity that men like the editor of the Standard know so little about Baptists. Then the size of the Convention impressed him and humiliated him—hear his lamentation: "And the fact that the Convention represents 175,000 Baptists ought to be a humiliating thought for Presbyterians to consider;" that there was a time when Methodists were unknown in North Carolina, and the Baptists were weak; but now the Presbyterians have 35,000, whereas, had they chosen to preach the gospel to the poor, they might have 175,000 today. He attributes much of the prosperity that Baptists have enjoyed this year to the fact that the circulation of the Biblical Recorder has doubled in the last two years, having now about 10,000 subscribers. Is there not a good hint to Mississippi Baptists right here from this Presbyterian editor?

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### Why Armor Plate is Costly.

The general public has always been mystified at the extreme high price paid for armor plate. According to the Iron and Steel Number of the Scientific American, the most important item is the great length of time required for the successful manufacture of a plate; for, on an average, every plate is being constantly worked upon, either in furnace, forge, machine shop, or annealing and tempering department, for a continuous period of nine months. Other causes of high cost are: the large number of separate operations, the frequency with which the great masses must be transported, and the distances over which they must be carried in their journey from one department to another. To illustrate the vast scale, on which an armor plate and gun steel works is laid out and the distances to be covered from shop to shop, we may mention that the whole establishment of the Bethlehem Steel Works extends in one direction continuously and for a length of a mile and a quarter, and that the forty or fifty handlings and transshipments, which occur in making a single Krupp plate, take place in and between such buildings as the open-earth structure, which is 111 feet wide by 1,950 feet in length; the machine shop, 116½ feet in width, by 1,37½ feet in length; the armor forge, 850 feet in length; and a face hardening department and an armor-plate machine shop, both of which are but little less in size. Further elements of expense are the large percentage of losses which is liable to occur, the high first cost of the extensive plants that must be laid down, and the fact that new and improved methods of manufacture may at any time render the plant more or less obsolete. The greater cost of the Krupp armor is largely compensated for by its much greater resisting qualities, which make it possible to give equal defensive qualities for 20 to 25 per cent less weight of armor.

### U. S. Privilege Tax.

Hon. B. G. Humphreys of the 3d district has introduced a bill in congress to prohibit the issuance of a government tax in prohibition territory and he deserves the commendation of all Christian people. Write him and other congressmen urging the passage of the bill. Many designing men will take the chances of being indicted by the State and by the payment of \$25.00, the federal government will give them a privilege tax or license to sell liquor in violation of the State, county and municipality, but under this bill they can only obtain the tax on presentation of the State and city license.

Columbus, Miss., which has a population of about 10,000 did not have a single murder case at the last term of the circuit court. That speaks well for prohibition. It is also a black county. The negro and the Indian as well as the white man are much worse in saloon cursed cities.

W. H. PATTON.

### The Cry From Macedonia.

What Paul saw in the spirit, the man of Macedonia, who called to him for help for his country, we have before us in the flesh. The suffering and destitution, resulting from insurrection in Macedonia, are extreme. Twenty-five thousand Macedonians have managed to cross the border into Bulgaria. Several times that number remain in Macedonia, homeless, their herds and crops destroyed, perishing of cold and starvation. Everyone is familiar to some extent with the conditions which have prevailed in that unhappy country for the last two years and more, the active agitation of the Macedonian revolutionists, the rising in rebellion of a portion of the Macedonian people, the attempt of the Turkish authorities to suppress the revolution with the utmost severity by overwhelming force. With the rights and wrongs of the Macedonians we are not now concerned, but we cannot help being concerned with the relief of fellow human beings and fellow Christians, of innocent women and children, who are perishing by the hundred and will perish by the thousand, most cruelly, unless Christian Europe and Christian America come to the rescue.

At this Christmas season, with its thought of peace and good will, of joy and merry-making, tens of thousands of villagers, stripped of everything but the clothes on their backs, are facing the winter cold without food. We appeal to you for contributions to aid the destitute and suffering Macedonians in Bulgaria and Macedonia. For some months, not less, certainly, than \$1,000 a day are required to relieve the most pressing wants—clothing, food, fuel. Ten times that sum could be used to advantage. All contributions sent to the Trust Company of America as Treasurer, 149 Broadway, New York, or Kidder, Peabody & Co., Boston, will be forwarded without expense. American missionaries in the field will superintend wisely and economically the distribution of all sums thus forwarded for purposes of relief to all sufferers without regard to race or religion.

Signed, COMMITTEE.

We call the attention of our readers this week to the fact that J. W. Patton, of this city, bought out the interest of Mr. White in the music business formerly known as Patton & White, some time ago, and will continue same at their old stand in this city. Mr. Patton was the original owner of this business before Mr. White entered it, and is thoroughly acquainted with all its details as well as the wants and requirements of his friends and patrons. We can say without fear of ever having to retract the statement that Mr. Patton will never leave anything undone which will please those who trade with him. We therefore bespeak for him a goodly share of the patronage of our readers. When wanting anything in the music line write to him for catalogues and prices.



## Soul Winning, the Test of Christian Efficiency.

BY AUTSIN CROUCH.

### PART I.

"Soul Winning"—What greater or more befitting theme could have been selected for a convention of Baptist young people? I congratulate and compliment the Executive Committee on their wise selection.

Keene has truly said: "The salvation of one soul is worth more than the framing of the magna charta of a thousand worlds." I pray and trust that this discussion may result in putting many laborers in the whitened harvest field and in bringing many golden sheaves into the storehouse of our God.

In the subject assigned me, soul-winning is declared to be the test of Christian efficiency. Before undertaking to prove this proposition, some defining is necessary.

"Christian"—A Christian is one who trusts Christ as his personal Savior and follows him as his personal Lord or Master.

"Efficiency"—is the power or ability to bring about given results, to accomplish a certain, definite work.

"Test"—A test is putting the power in motion to see if it will produce the end for which it was designed. Go to some great machine shop. Look upon that large and sharply mass of iron and steel which we call an engine. It is designed for a certain purpose—to pull a train of loaded cars. It is just from the hand of its maker. The smoke is pouring from its iron chimney, the fire is raging in its fire-box, the boiler is sufficiently filled with water and the meter registers a full head of steam. Its efficiency is now to be tested. The engineer turns on the steam and it glides along the track like a thing of life. The engine is now coupled to an adequately loaded train. The engineer pulls, the throttle wide open and the iron giant trembles and quivers, but it does not move. Is that engine efficient? It is beautiful. It looks to be perfect. But does it stand the test? No. For it does not perform the work for which it was intended.

So, if soul-winning is the test of Christian efficiency, then that Christian who does not win souls does not stand the test. He is weighed in the balance and found wanting. He is measured by the divine standard and falls short. His character may be beautiful, his life may be faultless, his piety may be deep and genuine, his orthodoxy may be above reproach and his knowledge of God's Word may be marvelous; but if he does not win souls he fails in the vital point of efficiency. These things are not his work; they are the works of God in him. To what purpose has he used them? What result has he accomplished? What test of efficiency has he stood?

One more definition and I close this part: "Soul Winning." What is it? It is to show men their sinful state and to make them feel their lost and helpless condition. It is to strip them of all human righteousness that they may be clothed with Christ's

righteousness. It is to produce repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ. This repentance must be a change of mind from the carnal mind which is enmity against God, which is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be, to a mind that loves God and bows in submission to his law and will. The faith must be such as looks away from any trust in works done in righteousness, from any trust in ordinances submitted to even in obedience to the Master. But it must be a faith that places its trust implicitly in our Lord Jesus Christ who died for our sins according to the Scriptures and was buried and who rose again for our justification. One must be brought to realize his lost condition, to see Jesus Christ as an all-sufficient Savior and to trust him solely and absolutely as such. Anything short of this is not soul-winning. There may be much valuable work done along other lines, such as relieving suffering, providing educational facilities, bringing about moral reforms and carrying the temperance movement on to glorious victory, but these are not soul-winning. These things we should do, but we should not neglect the weightier matter of winning souls. Soul-winning does not aim at whitening the sepulchre or rottenness, but it aims at and accomplishes the regeneration of the nature, the purifying of the fountain-source of all life and action.

Is it then true that soul-winning is the test of Christian efficiency? The task that has been assigned me is to prove the truthfulness of this proposition. I believe that soul-winning is the test of Christian efficiency.

I. Because it is the greatest and the chief work given to Christians to do.

"The greatest work." Is it necessary for me to argue before this assembly to prove that soul-winning is the greatest work given to mortals to do? What other work is greater? None. What other work even compares with it? None. When one understands the value of a soul—that it is above the price of rubies and diamonds and all the wealth of the world, when he sees the horrors it is doomed to suffer—the torments of a never ending hell, when he appreciates the glories it is capable of enjoying—the eternal glories at God's right hand, then will he declare that this is the greatest work known to human hands and minds and heart.

I said it was also the chief work. Many in these days of false ideas do not seem to think that this is the chief part of our work, even if they think it is any part of our work at all. Perverted humanitarian ideas have so taken hold of the minds of the people that they think to give clothing to the destitute, to supply food for the hungry and to furnish soap and water to the filthy, is the *summum bonum* of all human and divine work. These things are all well enough in their place, but their place is not to occupy the chief seat in the synagogue of works. There is something more important than the relieving of physical suffering, than the moral betterment of humanity and that is the eternal salvation

of the immortal soul, and this is the main work given unto the children of God to do. Jesus Christ commands, "go ye and make disciples of all nations." The reason given for this is "all authority in heaven and on earth has been committed unto me." Because all authority is given unto Jesus Christ we are to go and bring the peoples of the earth in submission to his authority until the kingdoms of this world become the kingdoms of our Lord and his anointed. This can only be done by winning the very souls of men to Christ Jesus our Lord. It is in this work that the promise is given, "Lo I am with you even unto the end of the world."

We are declared to be "laborers together with God," and this is spoken in connection with leading men to believe in Christ. Each soul winner can say, "My Father worketh hitherto and I work." Our Master came to seek and to save that which was lost, and on this mission he has sent forth his people. It is declared that unto us has been committed the ministry of reconciliation, that we stand as it were in Christ stead beseeching men to be reconciled unto God.

Christ commissioned Paul as an apostle to the Gentiles. The work he was to do was to open their eyes, to turn them from darkness to light and from the power of Satan unto God that they might receive forgiveness of sins, and an inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith. To this command Paul declares that he was not disobedient, but that he became all things to all men, that he might by all means save some. Soul-saving was the chief work of Paul and it should be ours. For this is indeed the chief work that God has committed to us and if we fail in this, we fail to stand the supreme test of Christian efficiency.

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### A Change of Fields.

After the next issue of THE BAPTIST you will please change the address on my paper from Lena to Prentiss, Miss. My last service at Lena was on the second Sunday in this month and at Harpersville yesterday, the third Sunday. We had beautiful day, large attendance and pleasant services. It was the day for taking the Foreign Mission collection and Lena gave \$60 and Harpersville \$21.55.

Bro. Tom Tomlinson, a young consecrated and active young minister living at Ludlow, Miss., succeeds me at Harpersville. Lena, Walnut Grove and Good Hope churches have grouped and are seeking a pastor. The old preacher, and until recent years, beloved physician, T. E. Morris, has to supply this group of churches until they can settle a pastor among them. W. E. Dear, of Texas is at Carthage visiting his wife's father, and these churches are "paying their respects" to him just now. He preached here yesterday for the delight of his many old friends. I do not know what the prospect is for getting him.

My last service in this pastorate will be held with the Walnut Grove church next Sunday and the next after that will find

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me at work in my new field. I ask an interest in the prayers of all the readers of THE BAPTIST. Having perfect assurance that God is directing my removal to this new pastorate, I feel confident that his cause there, will be prospered through my efforts and that He will make the field a blessing to me.

T. J. MOORE.

Lena, Miss., Dec. 21, 1903.

### An Expression.

I have just finished my work in this part of the State and want to tender my thanks to the people among whom I have spent my past life and worked with them for twenty years.

I took charge of the Magee church two years ago, with a debt of over nine hundred dollars hanging over it. We had paid it down to four hundred dollars a year ago, having made improvements to the amount of about two hundred dollars. At our last conference the church requested the pastor to remain and make an attempt to raise the remaining indebtedness of \$440. The people responded so liberally that before night every dollar of it was raised and the pastor left on the nine o'clock train, quite a number of the brethren accompanying him to the depot to "welcome his departure." Bro. W. B. Holcombe will succeed me as pastor.

Last Sunday we held our last service at Gulfport. The pastor prefaced his sermon by saying that if anybody had come to hear or see something sensational, he would be disappointed, that he did not want a tear shed over his last visit as pastor, not even to sing "God be with you till we meet again." At the close of the service, Sister Sheely, approached the pastor with an open faced solid gold watch, which she presented as a Christmas gift from the members of the Gulfport church and other friends, as a token of their appreciation of the retiring pastor's labors. She made a beautiful little talk and rained down her womanly tears. It seemed to go all over the house and most everybody was soon in tears, even to the pastor choked up and realized that all his little planning was a failure. He tried as best he could to express himself, returning thanks to all the good people of Gulfport and gratefully took the watch. Bro. Grace, of Macon, succeeds me, intending to move in about the first. We have shipped our goods to Gloster and the family will go tomorrow. Please send our paper.

J. R. JOHNSTON.

### Cuba.

Baptists of Mississippi—I wish you all a very happy New Year. May God prosper you during the year 1904, and enable you to help the Home Mission Board do great things for Cuba.

During the year 1903, God has blessed Baptist work in the Island most marvelously. The cause in Havana has prospered beyond our most sanguine expectations. When we consider what the Lord has done for us, under the most trying circumstances our hearts are filled with grat-

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itude.

The battle has been fierce and bitter, but the victory has been great and sweet. The worst has come, and has ended, and now we must advance all along the line. Let us honor God, who has so greatly blessed us.

Pray for us that the blessings of 1904, may be greater than they have been during 1903.

Yours in Gospel Bonds.

C. D. DANIEL.

Prado 67, Havana, Cuba.

### Let the Dead Past Bury Its Dead.

BY MRS. WM. J. WILLIAMS.

We must let the Dead Past bury its dead:  
We have no time for the funeral of the by-gone;  
Let's up and march with quickening tread,  
On to the millennial dawn.  
We may pause but a moment to shed a tear,  
Upon the grave of the buried Past;  
And a wreath, made with loving care,  
Upon the mausoleum of our mistakes cast.  
But in this cemetery do not linger long,  
Or in the darkened room tread  
To cling to the corpse of the year that's gone;  
But let the Dead Past bury its dead.  
The Past is the aged man in form,  
Whose visage may be seamed with sin;  
But the Future is still the babe unborn,  
The child of promise within.  
The Past may be the realm of folly or failure,  
While the Future is full of scope;  
The Past is strewn with wrecks that assail you,  
But the Future is garlanded with hope.  
The Past is a land from which we've fled,  
We are now on the Future borne;  
So let the Dead Past bury its dead  
And grasp the Future's throne.  
Let us now our lot into the New Year cast,  
With "Forward" as our motto,  
And forgetting the things done in the Past,  
Press on to the things before.  
Myriads of voices come to us clear  
To rise to lofty achievements;  
To go with bright faces into the New Year,  
Forgetting past bereavements.  
Hatchurst, Miss., December 24.

### Retrospective.

DEAR BROTHER:

As the old year is going out, and the new year is entering our doors, we are in an attitude to look backward and forward. I look back after the year going out with a good degree of pride and gratitude. I see triumphs and victories. The membership of Collins church doubled, a good house of worship and all indebtedness paid. More than \$100.00 for missions and other contributions in proportion. Pastor's salary paid, church self-supporting and salary increased for 1904. A good church in the midst of a noble people.

Salem is a country church—a glorious church—with only a few "spots and wrinkles" in it, and they will disappear in the sweet bye and bye.

Pastor's salary paid, and increased for 1904. More than \$ 00.00 given for missions, sustentation, and ministerial education liberally remembered and 72 gallons fine syrup ready to be shipped to Orphans. This church has also expended a good sum of cash in "fixing up" the graveyard" put-

ting heaters in church and to a visiting brother.

Seminary is now under my care and they will have good tidings to send up to the Pearl Leaf Association next Fall. So the retrospect view from my standpoint is pleasant and profitable. In looking forward I see what all optimists see—stars and crowns!

T. D. BUSH.

### His Fancies of the New Year.

BY CARRIE CATECART DAY.

On New Year's morn my little lad  
Came down the stairs with footsteps glad,  
Eager to find what wonders grand  
Had in the night changed all the land.  
To find what leaves the maples wore,  
To see what nests the bushes bore,  
What pinks and roses had come out,  
What bees were buzzing all about!  
"You see the year is new," he cried,  
"There'll be no stalks all stiff and dried,  
No branches will be bare today—  
The lawn and garden will be gay."  
He opened then the door to meet  
The storm that plied its shuttle feet,  
Weaving a thick, close robe to hide  
All objects in the landscape wide.  
Oh! what a sad and wild surprise!  
Dimmed with quick tears the dear, blue eyes!  
(A guest was he from a tropic shore,  
No scene like that had he met before.)  
Yet only brief was the frightened look;  
Bright views his fancy swiftly took.  
"Oh, yes! I understand—'tis true!"  
This blanket makes the year seem new.  
"Tis soft and white as doves' wings,  
It covers up the old, old things!  
In one short night, the flowers sweet  
Could not, of course, be all complete.  
"At last, when they are ready quite,  
We'll see them shining in the light,  
They but commence today to grow,  
Beneath the shelter of the snow."

—Ex.

### Field Notes.

A recent trip down the "Little Jay" revealed the pleasant fact that the country is in a prosperous condition. Everybody has money. Debts paid, corn in the crib and most of the people have meat in the smoke-house. Surely there ought to be grateful hearts these Xmas times. Learned, Utica, Carpenter and Hermantville were visited. At the latter place, the writer preached on Sabbath morning. The pastor, Bro. P. Pool is doing a fine work in this town and the people hold him in high esteem. He and his assistant pastoreess are domiciled in a well arranged two-story pastor's home the result of his pluck and energy. In the minds of some the venture of full time was an uncertain quantity but there is no question now as to the wisdom of the move. May the Lord prosper the work. Carpenter is without a pastor. The church is building and there is some talk of finishing the house before calling. Whether this is best time alone can tell. Bishop Cohron and his people are moving along in their accustomed way—advancing. Bro. P. A. Haman, the Learned Bishop, is pursuing the even tenor of his way, doing his work and looking to the Lord for success. It is always a delight to look in on these good brethren—share their good cheer, and take courage from their example.

But now Xmas is in the bones of the tramp and so home.

O. M. LUCAS.



## A New Letter From South Carolina.

DEAR BRO. BAILEY:

THE BAPTIST has been a regular visitor to my home for years and I greatly enjoy its weekly visits. I read with intense interest of the progress of the work in Mississippi where I spent four of the happiest years of my life with the church at Oxford.

A few Sundays ago Dr. B. D. Gray, who recently began his work as secretary of the Home Board, occupied the pulpit of the Greenwood Baptist Church. He greatly interested our people in home missions by his talk of about an hour, and I am sure that our people will do more for the work in the future than they have in the past. Last week I met him in Charlotte where he was attending the North Carolina Baptist Convention. It was refreshing to have him express to me his devotion to the noble Baptists of Mississippi. To all that he said, I could add a hearty amen.

Of course, you have heard of our success in adding \$125,000 to the endowment of Furman University. It has already an endowment of \$60,000 with buildings and equipments worth \$75,000. When the \$125,000 just raised is collected the University will have a plant worth \$250,000. This effort in behalf of the institution, has greatly stimulated our people, and will make them do more for all denominational interests. Besides, it will bind them closer together, and tend to obliterate past differences of which we have had our full share in South Carolina.

In this connection, I am led to speak of Mississippi College which has done more for the uplifting of the young men of Mississippi than any institution that I know. It has not the endowment and the buildings of many denominational schools in other States, but I do not believe that there is one in the South that can begin to measure up to it in results which tell for time and eternity. It has built monuments more lasting than brass—monuments represented by hundreds of young men who have gone out from its walls. Why cannot Mississippi Baptists raise \$100,000 additional endowment for their college? They can if they will, and I believe they will do it before long, under the noble leadership of W. T. Lowrey.

Greenwood is the home of our Orphanage, which is splendidly equipped, with eight or nine large brick buildings and which has recently received a donation of \$3,000 or more for the erection of a library building. Besides it will get \$20,000 additional from the Maxwell estate which is just being settled up. There are 150 children in the institution. The superintendent is Rev. A. T. Jamison, a son of Prof. Jamison who taught at Shuqualak and whom I had the pleasure of meeting at that place, and once since while on a visit to his son here.

Last summer it was my pleasure to meet Dr. R. M. Leavell while on a visit with his wife to this State. Allow me to extend greetings to him and the other Leavells in Mississippi. We have a deacon in our church here by the name of Leavell and he bears an honorable record as a faithful ser-

vant of the Lord who reflects only good upon the name. As he fills his place Sunday after Sunday in the house of God I am reminded of Oxford and the man who did much to hold up my hands while pastor there. Blessings upon them and upon all who are like minded.

I hope to send you an occasional line in the future.

G. W. GARDNER.

Greenwood, S. C., Dec. 20, 1903.

## The Relation Between the Holy Spirit and the Gospel in the Salvation of Men.

BY J. H. CASON.

Bro. S. W. Sibley in THE BAPTIST of Nov. 25, favors us with an article, as above.

He defines some terms as the "The Spirit is God; The Gospel is the truth, or Word of God." "Both Spirit and Gospel are factors in salvation." "If the Word is the Sword of the Spirit, (Eph. vi. 17,) or the seed of the sower, as in Matt. xiii. 19, or the gospel is the power of God unto salvation, (Rom. 1. 16), how could my brother speak of the implements, agencies or power of God as factors, with him? My Brother's only question is the relation that these factors sustain to each other. He places the Holy Spirit's work in comparison with the work of the gospel. When he says "Men are saved when they accept Christ as a personal Savior," his only point seems to be, that all accepting, are in a saved state, not how they were saved. He says, "It is the work of the Spirit who has wrought in the believer a new principle of life in Christ." "The Spirit, then, begets to life, while the gospel, preached with power, gives the light of life in Christ Jesus." "The Spirit communicates the life of Christ. The gospel, under the Spirit, enables the sinner to apprehend that life, as revealed in Christ Jesus." "The Spirit originates life in the dead sinner; the gospel influences this life to conscious completion." "The Spirit does not ride into the citadel of man's soul on the Word of truth." The theory in these quotations seems to be, that the Holy Spirit "begets," procreates to life; while the dead sinner is unconscious of what has been done in him until the preacher lodges the pollen of gospel truth in his heart. (All italics mine.)

It is not intended to discuss the theory advocated by the article, under review, beyond the proofs offered. The theory is not self-evident. The three passages quoted in its defense seem to render no support to the theory. We begin where he closed:

II Cor. iv. 6: "For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our heart, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."

Remarks: This text teaches (1) that the Creator of light Gen. 1, 3), has shined in our hearts. (2) God shined in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of God's glory in our hearts. (3) The

true light of God's knowledge is in the face, life, teaching of Jesus Christ. God put that knowledge in our hearts. He did not wait for the preacher to "Lodge the pollen of truth" in the dead sinner's heart. The context shows that the gospel had been preached, that the god of this world had blinded the eyes. Yet the God of creation had shined into hearts giving the light of divine glory in or through Jesus Christ. Another proof text is Eph. 1:1: "And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins."

In this text "hath he quickened," being in italics has no corresponding greek words. They are omitted in the Revised versions. Verse five will illustrate the same point: "Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved)."

Paul in verse three says, "And were by nature children of wrath." Remarks. (1) This "quickening (making alive) comes through God's love to those dead in sins. (2) We were "made alive" together with Christ (by grace ye are saved"). (3) The making alive and saving is one and the same process. Verse 8 is a recapitulation by Paul:

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God."

Bro. Sibley's dividing up the grace of salvation between two factors is not hinted at in his passages. His other proof text is Rom. viii. "For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death." Remarks:

(1) Paul was made free from the law of sin and death by a law.

(2) Paul was made free by the law of the Spirit of life Christ.

(3) Life and freedom are in Christ. John 1, 4: "In him was life; and the life was the light of men."

Did not Paul tell us in Rom. 3:27, what is the law of life and freedom that cuts up Arminianism by the roots? "Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay; but by the law of faith."

## Rebekah.

W. S. ALLEN.

The thought here presented, was suggested by a lecture given by Dr. Sampey before his Old Testament class.

The character of Rebekah is full of interest to the Bible student. If we study her life in search of a perfect character we shall be disappointed.

She was a woman possessed of a strong will, not stubborn but determined. She was not to be turned by every wind that blows. When asked if she were willing to leave her home and go to be the wife of Isaac her ready reply was, "I will go."

She had high ideals. She was a woman of boundless ambition. She looked above and beyond her narrow circle to wealth, prosperity and power.

She was capable of a strong and abiding love. She loved Isaac, and when God, in His providence, gave to her two sons she loved them, but stronger, and yet like hu-

man nature, she loved one much more than she did the other. Almost every home has its pets. Jacob was Rebekah's pet and Esau, Isaac's.

Rebekah's love for Jacob was manifested by her efforts to make everything turn to his advantage. Her life was wrapped up in Jacob. Her affection was returned. When Esau sold his birth right she was present though it is not recorded that she took any part in the transaction.

Her deep attachment for Jacob is again shown in her efforts to secure the blessing of Isaac for him. Isaac had purposed to give the blessing to Esau. But Rebekah was on the alert and outwitted Isaac and by a deception secured the blessing to Jacob.

She sinned. We must not forget this. She did wrong. We cannot excuse her sin. We must never apologize for sin, yet we must not be too hard on Rebekah. There were extenuating circumstances. Jacob was her favorite—he was a part of her very life. It was natural for her to seek his preferment. God overruled her wrong doing for His glory. Jacob was better suited to be the one through whom the blessings of God should come to the world.

God punished Rebekah for her sin. God will not allow sin to go unpunished. As soon as she had accomplished her purpose she began to taste the bitter dregs. When Esau learned that he had lost his father's blessing, through deception, his heart was inflamed with anger, and he determined to slay Jacob. Rebekah informed Jacob of this and urged him to flee for his life. Thus she was separated from him she loved and never saw him again.

While Rebekah sinned, yet she was a part of God's plan and holds a prominent place in the preparation of God's people for the coming Christ.

Louisville, Ky.

## Ordination.

On Nov. the 18th, Bro. W. H. Morgan, of Shaw, was duly set apart to the gospel ministry.

The Cleveland Baptist Church in conference called for his ordination, appointing a committee to examine him as to his fitness for the ministry. The committee reporting favorably the church ordered his ordination. The following constituted the council: W. M. Burr, W. F. Roberts, W. R. Cooper, A. B. Hill, J. R. G. Hewlett, J. E. Barnett, and L. F. Gregory, with J. R. G. Hewlett chairman and L. F. Gregory clerk. W. M. Burr conducted the examination. W. R. Cooper the ordination prayer and W. F. Roberts delivered the charge and presented the Bible.

L. F. GREGORY, CLERK.

## From the Piney Woods.

On the first Sunday in December I closed my work as pastor of Ebenezer Church, Covington county, Miss., Eld. T. J. Moore, of Lena, Miss., having been called to succeed me.

My work as pastor of that church for the past three years has been very pleasant, and bespeaks for Bro. Moore, the

same happy relations. The brethren showed their appreciation of my labors by paying me \$25.50 more than my salary; and having recently lost my horse they gave \$18.50 to help pay for another one for me.

I have accepted Bunker Hill Church in Marion county, about four miles from Ebenezer; so that I shall still have part of the congregations that I have been meeting at Ebenezer for the past three years. My other work for next year will be the same as this, namely, Society Hill and White Sand in Lawrence county, and Antioch in Covington county.

My churches are meeting their obligations nicely for this year, and we expect greater things next year. So far as I have been able to learn, all the other churches and pastors in this section of the State are happy over their work this year.

With best wishes for THE BAPTIST and its editor, I am

A humble country pastor,

L. D. POSEY.

Mt. Carmel, Miss., Dec. 20, 1903.

## Semi-Centennial Meeting of the Hinkle Creek Baptist Church.

It was a day of great rejoicing to the people of Hinkle, on Saturday, November 7th, as they gathered in the old church house to celebrate the fifth anniversary of the church. Just behind the stand hung the portrait of Rev. Ham Savage, who so faithfully served the church as pastor for thirty-three years. After singing "Old Time Religion," prayers were read by Rev. Giles Savage, of Rienzi. He and his wife were the only ones present that went into the organization fifty years ago.

Mr. L. B. Mitchell of the Presbyterian church, made a talk upon the subject "This Country Fifty Years Ago." Dr. G. M. Savage, President of the S. W. B. University, of Jackson, Tenn., preached the anniversary sermon, using the same passage for his text that his uncle Giles used at the organization, Dan. 2:44.

After dinner, T. F. Holt read a paper giving the history of the church from its foundation. After this, several short talks were made and some old papers of interest were produced and read.

(MRS.) H. M. CONN.)

Rienzi, Miss. (B. F. 2.)

The new building at Brown University dedicated to social and religious purposes, will soon be ready for occupancy. A Board of Management has just been chosen by joint action of the Executive Committees of the Corporation and of the Alumni Association, and early in December the students will elect officers and committees to carry out the plans of the Board. These plans are broad and generous in their nature, and, while providing carefully for the housing and fostering of religious interests, at the same time make ample provision for all student social organizations, such as those in charge of debating, music, athletics and amusements.

The Brown Union, as the association is called, will center in itself the best social

life of the college and develop among its supporters strong and permanent ties of comradeship.

A remarkable collection of material relating to the history of Rhode Island has just passed into the possession of Brown University. For some fifty years Mr. Sidney S. Rider of Providence has been collecting every book of manuscript bearing on the history of his State. Many of the books, portraits, pamphlets and documents could by no possibility be replaced. Many of the manuscripts have never even been seen by a historian. In order to secure its permanent preservation this most valuable collection, through the generosity of Mr. Marsden J. Perry, has been presented to Brown University and has just been formally transferred. The collection will rapidly be arranged on the shelves, catalogued, and thus rendered accessible for historical purposes. This collection of Rhode Island material, coupled with the famous John Carter Brown collection of Americana, will make Brown University an unrivaled center for historical studies along these special lines.

## Rejoicing Together.

John 4:36.

A sower went forth one morning to sow. His heart was heavy, his step was slow. For the ground was rough where his seed must fall, And the promise of harvest afar and small.

But he sowed the seed and faltered not, Though the day grew apace and the sun beamed hot; Though the thistle and thorn left a bleeding wound, And his choicest seed fell on stoniest ground.

A reaper went forth at eventide, To gather the grain from the harvest wide; The fields were white on the fallow soil, And even the barren yielded a moil.

But the reaper too bent with saddened brow, As the sickle's swath laid the full grain low. He longed to claim for the Master's own, A harvest from seed that himself had sown.

The sower and reaper went home at last, When sowing and garnering time were past. Each heart was sore o'er the work begun, And sorrowed much for the half undone.

But the "Welcome Home" which the Master gave, For the workers twain on that golden eve, Transformed them each to a raptured soul, For the work of each was complete and whole.

And "rejoicing together" each claimed the crown, And heard from the Master, "Servant well done!" The sower, with naught of garnered grain, Joined the reaper's song in a glad refrain.

MARGARET McRAE LACEY.

November 4, 1903.

On the day before Christmas cotton sold in Jackson for 13½ cents, which is possibly the highest record made on the same date in twenty-five years. It is destined to go higher, it seems. There is some cotton in the hands of the farmers yet, although they have turned it loose rapidly since it passed the ten cent notch. Nearly everybody has money, it is said, by those who are in a position to know. Surely this year our Baptist people will give more for the support of the churches and give more for missions than ever before. God help us to do so—and to begin at the beginning of the year.



## Books.

[Any book reviewed in these columns can be had by enclosing to THE BAPTIST price named. Let THE BAPTIST have your book patronage. We will treat you as best we can.]

*Carlo*, is the short name of a short story of a heroic dog, told in pleasing rhyme, by L. B. Hartman, D. D. This unusually interesting little poem is divided into six cantos, and splendidly illustrated by seven engravings. The story is told of a faithful dog, Carlo, whose master, pinched by poverty, felt that he must kill his old dog. In the effort to kill him the owner fell overboard and came near drowning, and would have done so but for the faithful services of old Carlo, who rescued him. The Master then led Carlo back home, where joy reigned supreme among the wife and children. The moral is: stick to an old, tried friend.

*Revival Songs*, No. 2, selected, edited and published by Prof. E. O. Excell. It contains even 100 songs with music. It is bound in paper and sells for 15 cents per copy. It contains a fine selection of revival music.

*The Representative Women of the Bible and the Representative Women of Today*, is the rather long title of a new book, written by Rev. Len G. Broughton, of Atlanta, and published by the Pepper Publishing Co., Philadelphia. It contains 236 pages and is divided into 17 chapters. The four major heads are: Representative Mothers, Representative Love-Makers, Representative Wives and Representative Medleys. It is in brown cloth. Price \$1.00. In style, Dr. Broughton has been likened to Moody, and in earnestness to Spurgeon. He preaches to very large audiences and has great power over them. The book is well worth a careful reading. You can get it promptly by ordering from The Mississippi Baptist Publishing Co., Jackson.

## Notice.

The *Osage Gem* and THE BAPTIST have for sometime had a clubbing rate of \$2.00 for both publications. Of course this reduced the regular price of each a little. There is a good deal of complication in a clubbing arrangement, and to simplify matters, all concerned have decided that it will be best for the clubbing arrangement to cease with today. Surely no one would wish the Orphanage to receive less than \$3.00 a year for *The Gem*. In itself it is richly worth it; and besides, all the profits on *The Gem* go into the general Orphanage fund. So, in the future, send all money for THE BAPTIST to THE BAPTIST and all for *The Gem* to *The Gem*.

## Seminar Lectures on Sunday-School.

Dr. S. M. Green, of Calvary Baptist Church, Washington D. C., delivered the third course of Sunday-school Lectures at the Seminary on the Sunday-school Board Foundation.

The lectures were telling; it was a case of "a man with a message." The inspiration that came after time thrilled the great

audiences that thronged Norton Hall, cannot be reported.

Dr. Greene has been pastor of Calvary Church for 23 years. His Sunday-school has grown from a mere handful to possibly the best, and one of the largest in America, numbering twenty-three hundred. Of course, he took his school to illustrate his lectures; the third and fourth on "It's organization," and "It's methods, were especially fine. In his school there are six departments, each with a Superintendent, officers, teachers, and committees. The teacher's meeting averages one hundred thirty.

The adult department has an enrollment at present of one thousand and seven. It was a thrilling moment when the speaker told how for two years, in the face of opposition, he worked for what he knew could be realized in the department, until he finally declared, "It must come, if it costs me my life!" Then he went to the merchant prince, the bank president, the insurance manager, the lawyer, and the Congressman, and laid on them the duty saying, "God needs you and your influence in the Teaching Service of our church." They came in. When they were seen taking part in the Sunday-school, others recognized the dignity of the work and the department grew. The adult department solved for them the problem of the young men and boys. In that church, it is recognized as the *mainly thing* to attend Sunday-school.

Dr. Green's words to Pastors were strong and convincing. "The old slipshod methods must go." "The Pastor must preach, plan, pray, and persuade for the Sunday-school." "The day has already dawned when churches are demanding Sunday-school ability of Pastors." "These Seminary lectures are focussing the eyes of the Sunday-school world on the Pastor as a leader."

Dr. J. M. Frost was present during part of the course. The Sunday-school Board has granted the necessary amount for a similar course next year. Dr. Greene's lectures will appear in book form. More than 200 advance copies were ordered.

L. P. LEAVELL, Field Sec.

## Silver Creek.

Bro. L. D. Posey was arrested at Society Hill Church Nov. 7th, while in conference showing why he thought a brother should be disciplined. The charge against him was disturbing religious worship. He was carried before a magistrate, but appealed the case to circuit court. When district attorney Ratcliff had an interview with the prosecutor, he had the case dismissed. I write this mention of the matter simply because a report of the arrest may go abroad and I wish to say that I heard the testimony in the case and am convinced that Bro. Posey violated no law. He was only discharging his duty as a faithful servant of God, to the best of his judgment. I am happy to have him for a neighbor pastor, he is a consecrated, studious, and growing preacher, thoroughly in sympathy with our denominational work and progressive in his leadership. I predict for him a great and growing usefulness. With Bro. R. Drummond at Hebron, Bro. Posey at Mt. Carmel, and Bro. Moore coming to Prentiss we hope to do some good work for the Lord in these pine woods.

Yours in the work,

J. P. WILLIAMS.

## THE OLD RELIABLE



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We have passed through the Christmas tide without any serious damage to our religious pride. Bro. Slipshod Baptist as usual ordered his jug, and he and his cousin Tolerable Good Baptist got a little graggy over their eggnog, but that is a part of their religion and does not contradict the general order of things. I am mighty glad to say that the most of our Kosciusko Baptists belong to the pure blood of the old line of Thorough going Baptist. Christmas is not an excuse for sin and looseness with them, but they can serve God and go to church with as good a conscience Christmas time as any other time.

For instance, yesterday morning the Pastor suggested that the church make herself a Christmas present of an old house and lot, thirty-six by fifty feet that stands just to the left of our church and adjoining our church property; and it did not take but about two minutes to raise enough to guarantee the purchase of the lot.

We are going to tear this old house down and level our grounds nicely and then our church will occupy nearly a quarter of a block and will be almost entirely out of danger of fire from other buildings. One thing very impressive about these Kosciusko people is that they take great pride in their church houses. Our church house is as neat as a parlor, and when it is graced with the handsome and earnest faces of our people, it not only makes the pastor feel like decent folks, but lifts him to his highest and best efforts.

I have been here now six months, we have not done any of those wonderful things that you read about, but visitors who drop in with us once in a while say that there is something about our church life and work that they wish was in their church. The strong ties of love and appreciation between the pastor and people are the secret of our happy church life and are the means of our steady faithful progress.

We had a beautiful home wedding Christmas eve night. The contracting parties were Mr. Thomas A. Ard and Miss Lil Atkinson. Bro. Ard is one of the Superintendents of our cotton factory. Miss Lil is the daughter of our senior deacon A. J. Atkinson. Both of these young people are enthusiastic B. Y. P. U. workers and Miss Lil is a teacher in the Sunday-school.

I greet all my brethren with a pledge of renewed consecration to our Master as we enter the conquest of the new year.

SELSUS E. TULL.

Kosciusko, Miss., Dec. 28th, 1903.

## A FINE INVESTMENT.

In this issue of THE BAPTIST is published an advertisement of the Florence Wagon Works offering \$70,000 in new stock at par. The idea of the company is not only to supply a larger operating capital, but to distribute its stock as widely as possible throughout the South with a view to securing the co-operation of widely separated stockholders in pushing the interest of the Florence Light Running Wagon. This stock is perfectly safe and is worth much more than par. The average dividend for five years has been 15 per cent. Besides placing excess profits to surplus account. As it is next to the largest enterprise of its kind in the South and is in charge of competent and able business men, the investment is a particularly attractive one. See ad. in this paper.

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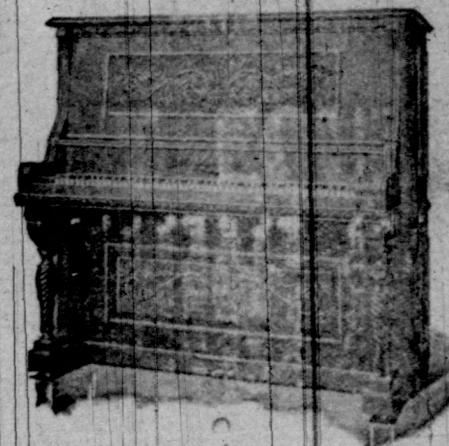
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is indeed very incomplete without this binding and elevating influence within its holy precincts, and we know too well that the lack of it is very often the cause of the scattering of the family circle, and frequently the down-fall of some loved one, for the wicked and savage element have long recognized its power to attract, and sad to say, never fail to employ its influence to get the unwary within their power. Great is the pity that every home in our broad land does not use it to the same purpose.

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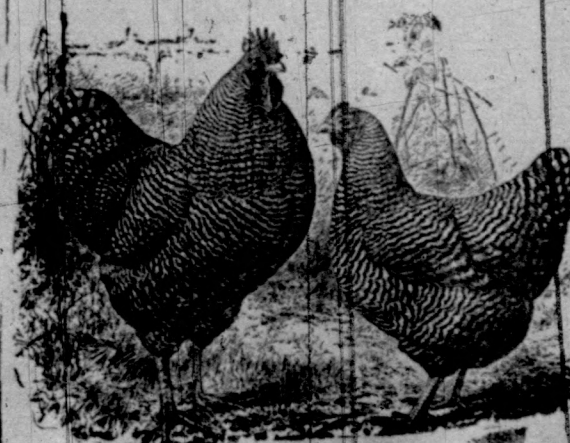
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Alone, no one knows  
Never the sound of my  
Piercing babe to cheer my heart,  
For he is far, far away.  
Yes, who have dear companions  
This night, lie cheerful,  
Be glad, be true,  
On another Christmas Eve  
Comes, you may be left too.

J. H. FURK.

## From the Hakka Country.

Two recent events in Kaylin, among the Hakkas of southeast China, writes Rev. S. B. Wadsworth, illustrate in a forceful way the interest in Western learning, which is universal throughout China. One of these is the opening of a free public reading room in a portion of the Confucian Temple, where families can be seen from Swatow, Hong Kong, Shanghai and Japan, also other periodicals in Chinese, and a few books. The room is a city institution, being supported by the wharfage rates. There are many who are regular patrons of the place, and keep well informed regarding leading events throughout the world.

A recent visit of the missionary brought a flood of questions from the Chinese present regarding such matters as the Venezuelan trouble, the Panama Canal, etc. The other event is the completion of a hospital by a native society organized for the purpose, where it is proposed to have two resident physicians, with other helpers. Doctor Wittenberg, of the East Mission in Kaylin, has been asked to give two forenoons a week for the treatment of eye and surgical cases. The project is entirely a native one.—Sel.

## Was One Chinese Woman Learned in America.

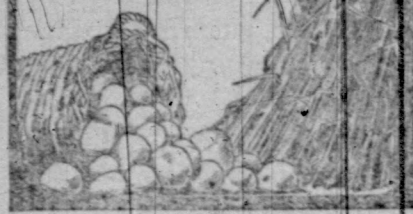
Mrs. Wu, wife of the Chinese minister, went back with unbound feet. Her residence in this country so convinced her of the superiority of natural feet that she willingly endured the pain necessary to regain their normal shape. The toes that had been pressed back to the heel, and kept tightly bandaged all the time, were gradually allowed to assume the natural position, until finally the bandages were removed entirely, and she could walk with ease. She said,

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## IN THE LEAD.

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PROF. N. J. HARRIS,

HARRIS' BUSINESS COLLEGE, JACKSON, MISS.

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[MISS] KATIE BURNS.

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HARRIS' BUSINESS COLLEGE,

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[Death notices of 100 words and marriage notices of 25 are printed free; all over, cost one cent per word, which must accompany copy of notice.]

## Miss Ernie Simmons.

Miss Ernie Simmons, aged 20 years, died at the home of her father, C. S. Simmons, October 28, 1903.

Miss Ernie was a devoted Christian girl and a member of Four-mile Baptist Church. In the morning of her young womanhood her pure spirit laid aside the earthly tabernacle and went up to dwell in the house not made with hands. May the comforting reflection that she awaits the loved ones left behind sustain the bereaved family, is the prayer of a FRIEND.

## Resolutions.

The following resolutions were adopted by the Baptist Sunday School of Hiwinnice, Miss., December 20, 1903, on the death of Chas. A. Bailey (who died December 8, 1903), one of the most constant, worthy and devoted members of this school:

WHEREAS, Mr. Chas. A. Bailey having finished his work in this life, having been a noble worker in this Sunday School, and now been called by the Heavenly Father; and

WHEREAS, His noble, charitable deeds will always commend his memory to those who knew him. Now therefore be it

Resolved, By this school, 1. That we graciously bow to our Father's sovereign will and thank Him for this consecrated life and the memory of such an exalted character.

2. That all our association with this devoted brother, faithful member, wise counsellor and cultured gentleman have always been of the most pleasant nature, and we hereby express our deep sense of loss in such an exalted character.

3. That we commend his devoted brothers, sisters and nieces to Him who is the source of all true comfort and pray that His grace may be sufficient for each one.

4. That a page in our school record book be given to his memory, that copies of the resolutions be furnished the family of the deceased, the local papers and church papers with the request for publication.

## Mrs. Elizabeth Seale.

Mrs. Elizabeth Seale was born in Lawrence county, September 16, 1830, and April 24, 1851, she and Rev. Solomon Buffkin were married. Shortly after this she joined the Baptist church and preached the Gospel by managing the affairs at home to enable her husband to give his time and talent to the Master's cause. December 20, 1877, God, bade them part by taking Bro. Buffkin to his reward.

November 23, 1880, she married Mr. E. B. Seale, of Roxie, and from that time until her death, she made him a lovable companion.

The last five years of her life were spent in pain, but she bore her afflictions patiently and only looked forward to the time when God would call her home. Her last words to me were, "Don'tless the next time we meet it will be in heaven," and so it will be.

She was a consecrated Christian for

more than fifty years; a devoted wife, a lovable mother, a true friend, a noble character. She leaves an aged husband, two noble daughters, relatives and a host of friends to mourn her death. But let us not grieve after her because

"No more her feet shall tread the paths of earth;  
For her spirit dwells with God who gave it birth.  
So, dear loved ones, weep not, nor call her dead;  
Because her sweet spirit from earth is fled.  
For she shines in the light of God;  
Christ's likeness stamped her brow;  
Through the valley of death her feet have trod,  
She reigns in glory now."

Her pastor,  
HOMER H. WEBB.

Married.

Curtis, McCulley.

At the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. McCulley, of Onton, Ky., Thursday night, December 24th, at 7 o'clock, Mr. C. S. Curtis, of Gallman, Miss., to Miss Nellie May McCulley, Rev. J. W. Love officiating.

McCollough—Franklin.

In the Baptist church at Mayton, December 23rd, 1903, Rev. B. A. McCollough and Miss Callie Franklin, W. P. Chapman officiating. We congratulate Bro. Ben on his happy choice of so devoted a Christian girl to help him in his life-work of preaching the Gospel of Christ.

Bro. McCollough is a young minister of great promise. May God bless them and give them great success in life.

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## Program.

January 1904.

Programs are suggestive only. Selection of additional hymns, subjects of prayer, etc. are left with the Society.

Subject: Woman's Missionary Union.

"Prayerfully, hopefully, greet the New Year."

1. Song Service of Praise.
2. Bible Reading: The Obligation of a Blessing. Isa. 43:10; John 15:16; Eph. 5:6-8; 1 Peter 2:9; Matt. 5:13-16; Rom. 12:1, 2. Seed Thought: Christ gives the best. He takes the hearts we offer and fills them with His glorious beauty, joy and peace; and in His service as we're growing stronger, the calls for grand achievements still increase.
3. Praise "Forget not all His Benefits. Petition: That a New Year may begin in our hearts, a year in which we shall do more for God's glory."
4. Items from Annual Report of Cor. Sec. W. M. U.
5. Worth Reaping—Ninety Thousand Dollars, the sum of W. M. U. for 1903-1904. Only four months of the Conventional Year remain. Are we doing our best?
6. A New Year's Talk on the motto of W. M. U. "Go Forward." Suggestive: At a critical moment in the battle of Waterloo, the Duke of Wellington sent out the command "Advance along the line" and because the order was obeyed, victory was won.
7. Business, etc.: Results of Christmas Offering.
8. How to Freshen Up a Society. Leaflet by Mrs. Thomas P. Bagby.
9. Plan to make the Society "Ideal" this year, remembering the higher the aim the greater will be the achievement be.
10. Recitation: "Another year is

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Dawnings" by F. R. Haycock, followed by a chain of prayer for the General Organization, W. M. U., State Organization, Local Societies, the Uninterested.

ABILENE, TEX., NOV. 14, 1903.

MRS. R. A. COHRON, ETICAL, MISSISSIPPI.

DEAR SISTER IN CHRIST:—It is with great pleasure, and thankfulness to God, that I write you this morning, to let you know that we have received the box all right. And Oh! how our poor hearts were made to rejoice, as we viewed the contents as everything was so nice and useful, and just the things we needed. Now we can be warm and comfortable. Oh, my dear sister, we cannot find words to express our heart-felt thanks to you and your co-workers! May God abundantly bless you all and may you never suffer the trials and hardships that we have to bear! But it is all for Jesus' sake and for the sake of poor lost souls that we are willing to bear the toils and hardships of a missionary's life and we long to spend our lives in the mission work of our dear Savior, for indeed the field is white and ready to harvest.

Will you all pray for us dear sisters, that we may ever be true and faithful in the work that God has given us to do? May God's richest blessings be upon you all, and enable you to continue in the good work of helping to preach the gospel of Christ to poor lost sinners.

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I did not succeed in getting my missionary box up but will work and pray for it this year. My report was not printed in the minutes. It was lost in some way. I say this for the benefit of those who are interested in our work.

May God bless you and make you useful in His kingdom is my prayer.

Your sister in Christ,  
MISS BELL STIGLER.  
Dec. 19, 1903.

## Children's Funerals in Peking.

A writer in "Woman's Work for Woman" quotes this from Mr. Holcomb: "If you lived in Peking you would be surprised never to see a child's funeral pass; but if you go into the street very early in the morning, you will find the explanation. You will meet a large covered vehicle, drawn by two oxen, having a sign across the front stating its horrible office, and piled to the brim with the bodies of children. Sometimes there are a hundred in the cart at once, thrown in as garbage, nearly all of them naked, a few of them tied up in old reed baskets, and fewer, never more than one or two, in cheap board coffins. These carts go about the streets each night, pick up these pitiable remains, some of them mutilated by dogs; they are thrown in like so much wood and taken to a pit outside the city wall, into which they are dumped, then covered with quicklime. Does it make you sick to hear of such a thing? I have lived seven years in the city where that is a daily occurrence."

## What a Medical Mission Did.

Here is one illustration of what is accomplished by sending medical missionaries. A wealthy and influential man at Swatow became interested in the medical missionaries' labors and got in

the habit of giving them rice tickets for the poor patients. Then his wife became very sick, and missionaries treated her. The man said, "I should like other women to be treated as my wife has been," and he gave \$2,000 to start a women's hospital. Next he came to see the advantages of a Western education, and offered the missionaries \$10,000 to start a Chinese school where Western learning could be obtained. His last step was to destroy his idols and apply for Christian baptism.—Missionary Review.

## A Chinaman Adorning the Gospel.

I found in Singapore a Chinese Christian who has made a sacrifice for Christianity which exceeds anything I have yet met. He was converted some years ago and suffered much trial and persecution, but he secured an education and went as shipping clerk in a European firm. By his industry he has laid by enough to support himself and family. Goh Cheng Lim offered his services to the mission with the understanding that he would support himself upon the interest of the money he earned. He resigned a salary of \$80. (Mexican) a month, and without salary has given himself to the work of the Lord and received an appointment as a worker in the Malaysia Conference.—Bishop Warne.

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## TEMPERANCE.

BY W. H. PATTON.

### Write Your Congressman.

The bill introduced in the House of Representatives about the government issuing privilege tax in prohibited districts has been referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, of which Hon. John Sharpe Williams is a member, and will not those in his district write to give his co-operation and influence before that committee? Senator Gallinger has introduced a similar bill in the Senate and it will only take a little concert of action on the part of the people to have this bill become a law. This bill should have the support of every member of Congress and be put on our statute books at as early a date as possible. The Federal government should not be a party to the violation of State, county or municipal laws. The law-makers want expressions from their constituents.

It is a mystery to me why young men will tamper with liquor when they know that every drunkard commenced the same way. They imagined that they were strong enough to drink and not let the habit get them. If you want to ruin your reputation, lessen your chances in the business circles, in matrimonial life, and in all probability become a drunken sot, take a drink when some one offers it to you and send off for a gallon and you can succeed. If you want to be respected and have business men willing to trust you, fathers willing for you to visit their daughters, and save your health, never touch the intoxicating cup. The only safe way is to be a total abstainer.

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ating cup. The only safe way is to be a total abstainer.

In reply to a letter written to a Congressman of influence in the House of Representatives of the Fifth District asking him to introduce a bill that has since been introduced by Hon. B. G. Humphreys, he says: "I shall be glad of the opportunity to vote for a bill of that sort, not, however, for the same reasons, perhaps, that you advocate it. I will vote for it because I am an old fashioned State's rights Democrat and I don't believe that the Federal government ought, in the collection of its revenue, or in any way, encourage the violation of State laws. That position I would take, regardless of any other question. It would be sufficient for me to know that there was a State law, and that some action of the Federal government was encouraging violation of that law." I have taken the position for years that the Federal government was encouraging the violation of the State law and that everybody should be in favor of this law whether they believed in prohibition of the liquor traffic or not, and I feel very much encouraged that the bill, having been introduced, will go through Congress and become a law.

The bill which has been introduced in Congress by Hon. Ben Humphreys to prevent the issuing of Federal liquor license in local option counties will, if it becomes a law, be a great factor in driving out the blind tigers. Many men who violate State laws will not dare to violate those of Uncle Sam.—Meridian Evening Star.

## Intemperance.

Intemperance tends to make men break all the commandments.

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It destroys self-control.  
It destroys the vision.

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#### Personal.

—Rev. E. R. Osborn succeeds Rev. E. E. Thornton at New Albany, while Bro. Thornton goes to Houston.

—Rev. W. J. Mahoney, of Carlisle, Ky., while on a visit in our State honored the Rooms of THE BAPTIST with his genial presence.

—Rev. T. J. Miley's work at Taylorsville and other places seems to be moving on well. Bro. Miley is one of our safest and most worthy leaders.

—We extend sympathy to Bro. S. M. Ellis who has given up all his churches on account of broken health. We trust that needed rest will bring a return of health.

—Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss Marietta Thornhill to Mr. Edgar F. Anderson, at Poplarville, Miss., on Sunday evening, January 3, 1904, at 8:30.

—Rev. T. J. Moore and family passed through the city yesterday on their way to their new field at Prentiss. Bro. Moore leaves a good field at Tena and vicinity, his churches having paid pastor's salary in full.

—Mr. H. G. Davis, D. D., pastor of the Calvary Street M. E. Church, New Orleans, was a guest of the editor and family a part of Christmas week. He is a son of the editor's wife and a most comfortable guest.

—It will be gratifying news to the friends of Dr. Charles Hillman Brough, now a member of the faculty of the University of Kansas, to hear that he has taken quite an active attitude towards religious work in the city. He is a young brother whom his Mississippi friends delight to honor.

—Several brethren have accepted one more of our premium propositions

and are doing well. Those who are working for premiums must state this fact when they make their first remittance, so their names can be entered and a correct account of all subscribers sent in kept. Will not others join this band of workers?

—Two men were received into the first Baptist Church, Vicksburg, on Lord's Day, December 27. A young married man came in by letter, and a Confederate soldier, now 72 years of age, who served through the war between the States in Barksdale's famous Mississippi brigade, was received on his confession in baptism of Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. He was happy in his obedience, and said amid his tears, he regretted that he had not given the whole of his life to Christ's cause. It gives the pastor, himself a Confederate soldier, great pleasure to lend these veterans into the army of the Great Captain.

—The religious work as summarized by Rev. E. E. Thornton, in his sermon today shows the moral uplift of the Baptist denomination of this place. Outside of the pastor's salary \$3,540 has been paid to various works as fostered by the denomination in the State, and an elegant pastor's home has been erected. One hundred and forty accessions have been made to the Baptist church. Rev. E. E. Thornton goes to the pastorate at Houston, Chickasaw county, carrying the best wishes of the people with him. He will be succeeded by Rev. E. R. Osborn, of Okolona, Miss.—New Albany Gazette.

—The January number of the Woman's Home Companion might almost be called a fiction number. There are five stories. The features are of exceptional interest, as the following titles will indicate: "An Afternoon with Joseph Jefferson," by Henry Harrison Lewis; "New

York, the Most Wonderful City the World Ever Saw;" "My Recollections of Abraham Lincoln;" "The United States Daughters of 1812;" "Our Naturalist at Home;" Articles of especial interest to women are: "French Home Cooking for American Households," by Mrs. Will H. Low, wife of the well-known artist; "Home-Made Picture Frames;" "Oriental Designs in Table-Linen;" "A Swing-Lesson;" Pattern Fashions; "Novel Ways to Celebrate Wedding Anniversaries;" Mr. X's Puzzle Page. Published by The Crowell Publishing Company, Springfield, Ohio; one dollar a year; ten cents a copy.

#### Earnestness in the Ministry.

I do not mean thunder tones that make sensitive people nervous and exhaust the strength of the preacher. I mean not the doleful wail as if the speaker were leading the audience to the graveyard, and thence to judgment. I mean not a fine literary entertainment, nor a scientific gush. I mean not a scintillation of classic lore, nor a delectation of travel in distant lands. Nor do I mean the sweet fields blooming in the rich fragrance of philosophy. I mean more and greater than all these combined. I mean, as nearly as I can express it, that the messenger of the Gospel of Christ should come before the people, with his soul on fire with the burden of his mission, and heart overflowing

with love to God and out-reaching sympathy for man. I mean the man who speaks to the heart of the people and arouses their conscience. Most people know better than they do. They need conviction and moving. He who moves them must be moved himself. It is the history through every age, that all great revivalists, reformers, and successful ministers, have been earnest men. No age has had so fine an educated ministry as the present. The churches and ministry have never had such grand opportunities as now; and with no less corresponding responsibilities. The earnest man has ever been heard, and will to the end. The interests of time and eternity bid God's ministers to gird on the whole armor and "fight the good fight of faith." He whose soul is not imbued with his calling is a failure.

Fraternally,  
ASA P. COPELAND.

Here is a story from the Baptist conference at Leicester: A minister found himself at chapel one morning without his sermon. "My dear brethren," he exclaimed, "I can only give you now what God will send me; but tonight I will come back better prepared." — Pall Mall Gazette.